THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI AURN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) the Approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

Plan for Development of Telangana

595. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to develop the backward Telangana region especially in irrigation, education, power, industry and other key sectors; and

(b) the amount proposed to be granted for the development of the region to contain naxalite movements in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) planning Commission approves Development plan for the State, as a whole and not as broken down amongst its regions. The preparation of development projects and their dovetailing with the existing development programmes, for a particular region, is prerogative of the State Government. The Annual Plan for the year 2001 -02 for the State of Andhra Pradesh is yet to be finalized.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a three year (1996-97 to 1998-99) Action Plan for strengthening of police force and the socio-economic development of the Naxalite-affected tribal areas with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1299.17 crore. The action Plan was examined, keeping in view similar problems, being experienced in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. For the Socio-economic development of this region, the State Government have to dovetail the proposed programmes with the existing development programmes in the Naxalite affected areas and approach the concerned Central Ministries' for assistance under their respective Central schemes.

Funds under non-lapsable pool

596. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the accruals and expenditure from the non-lapsable pool giving Ministry-wise details of surrenders to be non-lapsable pool and the State-wise details of the projects sanctioned and fund released;

(b) whether the States encounter any difficulties in getting fund released for sanctioned projects under non-lapsable pool during 2000-2001;